

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| Applicant:  | Dwayne E. Ebersole   | Examiner:       | K.DINH |
| Serial No.: | 10/728,471   | Group Art Unit: | 2151   |
| Filed:      | DECEMBER 5, 2003   | Docket No.:     | TN337C |
|             |  | Customer No.:   | 27276  |
| Title:      | OPTIMIZING VIRTUAL INTERFACE ARCHITECTURE (VIA) ON<br>MULTIPROCESSOR SERVERS AND PHYSICALLY INDEPENDENT<br>CONSOLIDATED NICS |                 |        |

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)**

SIR:

The Applicants are filing this response to the Office Action dated January 8, 2008 within three (3) months of the mailing of the Action. As such, the Applicants respectfully maintain that a Petition For Extension of Time is not needed with the attached response. In the event that the Examiner believes that a SECOND Response to the Restriction Requirement is needed and thus an extension of time is required to make the Applicants response timely, the Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated January 8, 2008 to and through April 8, 2008 comprising a two-month extension.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge payment of the required processing fee in the amount of \$460.00 to Deposit Account No. **19-3790** as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17. A duplicate copy of this sheet is being submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: April 8, 2008

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